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EPIDEMIOLOGIC NOTES AND REPORTS IMPORTED MALARIA - New York City

A case of malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum was reported from New York City on August 17, 1967. The 24year-old female patient had returned on August 6, 1967, from a trip around the world. On August 11 she developed fever, headache, malaise, nausea and vomiting, followed by chills on August 13. She was treated with antibiotics until admitted to the hospital on August 16. On admission she was in a stupor and had a temperature of 107°F. Malaria was then suspected and P. falciparum organisms were detected in the peripheral blood. Antimalarial treatment was promptly initiated.

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The patient had toured the globe with 46 other persons, none of whom had used malaria chemprophylaxis enroute. Their itinerary included stops in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, India, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, and Greece. Since the other group members also could have been infected with malaria while overseas, the (Continued on page 284)

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(Cumulative totals include revised and delayed reports through previous weeks)

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Diphtheria	3	4	4	65	112	153	
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Hepatitis, serum	46	33) 040	1,344	877	1 05 005	
Hepatitis, infectious	683	610	643	24,216	20,691	25,367	
Malaria	20	15	3	1,232	218	56	
Measles (rubeola)	230	694	919	57,075	187,674	355,346	
Meningococcal infections, total	23	32	26	1,602	2,600	1,858	
Civilian	21	28		1,491	2,332	of strong	
Military	2	4	00	111	268		
Poliomyelitis, total	2	2	2	22	61	65	
Paralytic	2	2	2	19	57	57	
Rubella (German measles)	253	229		39,289	40,917		
Streptococcal sore throat & scarlet fever	4,477	3,838	3,193	310,222	294,323	272,741	
Tetanus	7	5	5	140	105	159	
Tularemia	4	7	10	113	109	185	
Typhoid fever	6	11	11	248	227	250	
Typhus, tick-borne (Rky. Mt. spotted fever)	14	6	13	192	168	158	
Rabies in animals	86	92	81	2,903	2,771	2,771	

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES

The Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices meeting on May 26, 1967, issued the following recommendation on poliomyelitis vaccines, a revision of the initial recommendation which was released as a supplement to the Poliomyelitis Surveillance Unit Report #285, September 1964.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINES

Introduction

Widespread use of poliovirus vaccines has resulted in the virtual elimination of paralytic poliomyelitis in the United States. To insure continued freedom from the disease, it is necessary to pursue regular immunization of all children from early infancy.

Following the introduction of poliovirus vaccine in 1955, paralytic poliomyelitis declined from 18,308 cases in 1954 to a low of 61 cases in 1965. A national survey in September 1966, showed that 70 percent of all children 1-4 years of age had received at least three doses of oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV)*, inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV)**, or both. Approximately 90 percent of all children 5 years old and older had been adequately vaccinated.

Nevertheless, low immunization rates can still be found in some population groups, both urban and rural. In 1966, 108 cases of paralytic poliomyelitis were reported in the United States and Puerto Rico, reversing the downward national trend. The majority of the 1966 cases occurred in unimmunized children less than 5 years of age in south Texas. These cases illustrate the possibility of outbreaks where incomplete immunization exists.

With widespread use of poliovirus vaccine, laboratory surveillance of enteroviruses indicates that circulation of wild polioviruses has diminished markedly. It can be assumed that inapparent infections with wild strains will no longer contribute significantly to maintaining immunity in the general population. Therefore, it is essential not only to continue active immunization programs for infants and children but also to make special efforts to raise the low immunization rates existing in certain segments of the population. Identification of population groups requiring special immunization programs should be undertaken through surveys, both of immunization history and serologic status.

Poliovirus Vaccines

From the introduction of IPV in 1955 until the live attenuated vaccines became widely used in 1962, more than 400 million doses of IPV were distributed in the United States. Primary immunization with IPV plus regular booster doses provided a high degree of protection against paralytic disease.

Monovalent OPV, types 1, 2, and 3, have been widely used in the United States since 1961-62. Trivalent OPV was introduced in 1963.

OPV is more widely used than IPV in this country because it is easier to administer and produces an immune response which, without regular booster doses, appears to be similar to immunity induced by natural poliovirus infection. Trivalent OPV has largely replaced the monovalent forms because of simplicity of scheduling and record-keeping.

A primary series of trivalent OPV, consisting of three adequately spaced doses, will produce an immune response to all poliovirus types in well over 90 percent of the recipients. Using the immunization schedule recommended in this report, possible interference with immunity produced by wild enteroviruses is minimized. Immunization may, therefore, begin in any season.

For community protection during an epidemic, it is better to immunize against the prevalent poliovirus type. For this purpose, type-specific monovalent OPV is preferable to trivalent OPV.

Very rarely, cases of paralytic poliomyelitis have occurred in recipients of OPV or their close contacts within 30 days of vaccine feeding. Careful analysis indicates a ratio of no more than one case of "vaccine-associated" paralytic disease for every three million doses of OPV administered.

Vaccine Usage

Oral Poliovirus Vaccine (OPV)

Primary Immunization

Trivalent OPV

Infants: The three-dose immunization series should be started at 6 to 12 weeks of age, simultaneously with the first DTP inoculation. The second dose should be given no less than 6 and preferably 8 weeks later. The third dose is an integral part of primary immunization and should be administered 8 to 12 months after the second dose.

Children and Adolescents: In children and adolescents through the level of high school, the primary series should consist of three doses, the first two doses given 6 to 8 weeks apart, and the third, 8 to 12 months after the second. If circumstances do not allow for the optimal interval between the second and third doses, the third may be given as early as 6 weeks after the second.

Adults: Routine poliomyelitis immunization for adults residing in the continental United States is not currently necessary because of the extreme unlikelihood of exposure. However, any unimmunized adult who may be at

*The official name of the product in use is: Poliomyelitis Vaccine.

^{*}The official names of the products in use are: 1) Poliovirus Vaccine, Live, Oral, Type 1; 2) Poliovirus Vaccine, Live, Oral, Type 2; 3) Poliovirus Vaccine, Live, Oral, Type 3; 4) Poliovirus Vaccine, Live, Oral, Trivalent.

increased risk by virtue of contact with a known case or travel to epidemic or endemic areas should receive trivalent OPV according to the schedule outlined for children and adolescents. Persons employed in hospitals, medical laboratories, and sanitation facilities might also be considered as having an increased risk, especially if poliomyelitis is occurring in the area.

Pregnancy of itself is not an indication for vaccine administration, nor is it a contraindication when immunization is required.

Monovalent OPV

An alternative immunization procedure for infants, children, and adolescents is to give the separate monovalent OPV types at intervals of 6 to 8 weeks. The recommended sequence of types is 2, 1, 3. A fourth OPV dose, but of trivalent vaccine, should be given 8 to 12 months after the third dose of monovalent OPV. The special role of monovalent OPV in epidemic control is discussed below.

Follow-up Doses

School Entrance

On entering elementary school, all children who have completed the primary OPV series should be given a single follow-up dose of trivalent OPV. All others should complete the primary series.

Routine "Boosters"

On the basis of current information, there is no indication for regular or routine "booster" doses of OPV.

Increased Risk

A single dose of trivalent OPV may be administered to anyone who has completed the full primary series described above and has an increased risk of exposure by virtue of contact with a known outbreak, travel to epidemic or endemic areas, or occupation. However, the need for such an additional dose has not been established. If there is uncertainty about the adequacy of previous immunization, a single dose of trivalent OPV should be given.

Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine (IPV)

Primary Immunization

All Ages: Four parenteral doses should be given, three at approximately monthly intervals and the fourth, a reinforcing dose, 6 to 12 months after the third. This schedule may be integrated with DTP immunization beginning at 6 to 12 weeks of age.

Booster Immunization

Single booster doses every 2 to 3 years have been recommended to insure adequate levels of

antibody. The need for IPV boosters could be obviated by a full course of OPV. For individuals at particular risk as described previously, at least one dose of trivalent OPV, and preferably a full primary series, is recommended.

Epidemic Control*

For operational purposes in the United States, an "epidemic" of poliomyelitis is now defined as two or more cases caused by the same type virus during a 4-week period in a circumscribed population such as that of a city, county, or metropolitan area. An epidemic of poliomyelitis can be controlled by an emergency monovalent OPV immunization program. As soon as possible, the type of poliovirus responsible should be determined and the epidemic area defined. Within the epidemic area, all persons over 6 weeks of age who are not completely immunized or whose immunization status is uncertain should promptly receive one dose of type-specific monovalent OPV.

Simultaneous Administration of Live Virus Vaccines

Data on simultaneous administration of live virus vaccines are not sufficient to develop comprehensive recommendations, but there are obvious practical advantages to combining vaccines, and investigations are underway which should help to define optimal practices. When combined administration is indicated, available data do not suggest that undesirable responses will result. The following comment presents current attitudes toward scheduling vaccination with three major live virus vaccines—polio, measles, and smallpox.

It has been generally recommended that immunizations with live virus vaccines be separated by at least one month whenever possible. The rationale for this recommendation is the theory that superimposed reactions and diminished antibody responses might result if two or more live virus vaccines were given simultaneously. Ideally, the initial doses of oral poliovirus vaccine should have been given before a child reaches one year, the age for giving live attenuated measles virus vaccine. Administration of polio and measles antigens should be separated by at least one month. It is likewise desirable to separate measles and smallpox vaccinations by one or more months because both of these antigens may produce febrile reactions.

When, however, immunization program effectiveness is hindered or when the threat of concurrent exposures exists, the relevant live virus vaccines should be given at the same time. Observations do not indicate that this will cause a significant increase in adverse reactions or depressed antibody responses to either antigen.

^{*}For epidemic control, monovalent OPV types 1 and 3 are available from the National Communicable Disease Center on request of the State Health Department.

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DEATHS IN 122 UNITED STATES CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 19, 1967

(By place of occurrence and week of filing certificate. Excludes fetal deaths)

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Boston, Mass Bridgeport, Conn	211 44	108	8 3	12 2	Atlanta, Ga Baltimore, Md	142	65	4	10
Cambridge, Mass	26	20	1947/	-	Charlotte, N. C	226 45	112 18	7 3	18
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Hartford, Conn	52	27	1	5	Miami, Fla	88	46	-	
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New Bedford, Mass New Haven, Conn	25 51	17 29	1	1 2	Savannah, Ga	37 53	21 44	5	onis:
Providence, R. I	58	33	2	2	Tampa, Fla	57	33	5	
Somerville, Mass	13	11	-	-	Washington, D. C	171	66	2	-953
Springfield, Mass	31	24	1		Wilmington, Del	40	22	1	
Waterbury, Conn Worcester, Mass	25 40	15 24	. *	1 3	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:	540	269	31	27
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IDDLE ATLANTIC: Albany, N. Y	2,963	1,668	85	153	Chattanooga, Tenn	33	16		
Allentown, Pa	37	23	1	1	Knoxville, Tenn Louisville, Ky	23 132	11	15	
Buffalo, N. Y	130	78	3	4	Memphis, Tenn	94	65 46	15 4	4
Camden, N. J	42	32	3	4	Mobile, Ala	37	14	1	nno.
Elizabeth, N. J	33	17	0 25	4	Montgomery, Ala	37	18	3	JAME.
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Philadelphia, Pa	419	233	4	26	Corpus Christi, Tex	20	12	2	aus
Pittsburgh, Pa	185	100	3	3	Dallas, Tex	155	71	4	8
Reading, Pa	43	26	-	-	El Paso, Tex	29	14	5	1
Rochester, N. Y	83	42	7	3	Fort Worth, Tex	72	46	2	6
Schenectady, N. Y	24	18	1	-	Houston, Tex	189	85	1000	9
Scranton, Pa Syracuse, N. Y	47 73	30 40	3	1 3	New Orleans, La	54	29	70-1	1
Trenton, N. J	44	28	1	1	Oklahoma City, Okla	175 66	83	4	8
Utica, N. Y	30	20	2	1	San Antonio, Tex	101	58	1	8
Yonkers, N. Y	32	24	1	1	Shreveport, La Tulsa, Okla	86 77	52 49	6	4
AST NORTH CENTRAL:	2,312	1,266	48	120					1006
Akron, Ohio	62	38	-	6	MOUNTAIN:	362	214	16	21
Canton, Ohio	36	19	2	1	Albuquerque, N. Mex	30	13	2	-
Cincinnati, Ohio	674 160	355 86	19 5	36 10	Colorado Springs, Colo. Denver, Colo	21	12	1	1.0
Cleveland, Ohio	191	106	2	4	Ogden, Utah	116 18	67 12	2	16
Columbus, Ohio	125	66	1	7	Phoenix, Ariz	83	46	6	3
Dayton, Ohio	7.5	43	2	7	Pueblo, Colo	9	7	Tentan pilo e	1
Detroit, Mich	271	147	4	8	Salt Lake City, Utah	47	32	2	-
Evansville, Ind	38	30	1	-	Tucson, Ariz	38	25	2	1
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Grand Rapids, Mich	41	29	-	2		16 50	13 31	1	4
Indianapolis, Ind	143	63		14	Glendale, Calif	24	18	1	1
Madison, Wis	29	15		2	Honolulu, Hawaii	55	26	political C	7
Milwaukee, Wis	105	65	4	4	Long Beach, Calif	50	37	2	2
Peoria, Ill	43	16	-	5	Los Angeles, Calif	477	290	12	27
Rockford, Ill	30 39	19 27	3	4	Oakland, Calif Pasadena, Calif	76	44	1	6
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Youngstown, Ohio	63	35	-	2	Sacramento, Calif	114 65	77 41	2	5
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Duluth, Minn	31 42	16		2	Seattle, Wash	138	84	6	5
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IMPORTED MALARIA - New York City

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epidemiologists in the 10 states in which they reside were contacted and requested to inform the travellers of the occurrence of malaria in one of their travel companions. They were successful in notifying within 24 hours all but one of the 46 travellers of their potential exposure. One traveller was contacted while vacationing on a beach and one individual was located in a hospital where she was being treated for diabetes. The final member of the tour was located 3 days after the information had been received at the NCDC. None of the travellers have experienced symptoms suggestive of malaria to date.

(Reported by Dr. B. H. Kean, Professor of Tropical Medicine, Cornell University; Dr. Tibor Fodor, Chief, Division of Epidemiology, and Dr. Howard B. Shookoff, Chief, Division of Tropical Diseases, both of the New York City Health Department; DHEW Region II, New York City; and the Malaria Surveillance Unit, Epidemiology Program, NCDC.)

HUMAN EXPOSURE TO A RABID BAT - Rhode Island

The first rabid bat found in Rhode Island was reported by the Rhode Island Department of Health Laboratories on June 12, 1967. An 11-year-old boy was bitten on June 10 when he attempted to pet the "sleeping" bat. The child was immediately taken to a hospital where the single puncture wound on the right thumb was cleansed with benzalkonium chloride and a booster dose of tetanus toxoid was administered. The bat was caught in a shoebox later that day; in a short time it died and was buried in the backyard.

On Monday, June 12, an alert local dog officer investigated the incident. The bat was unburied and brought to the Rhode Island Department of Health Laboratories where it was tentatively identified as a little brown bat (Myotis lucifugus). Examination of the brain with Seller's stain yielded equivocal results but direct fluorescent microscopy identified rabies virus. Subsequently, the diagnosis was confirmed in Rhode Island using intracerebrally inoculated mice and at the National Communicable Disease Center by fluorescent antibody technique.

Within 2 hours after the diagnosis was made, prophylactic treatment was begun. Since completion of a full regimen of treatment, the child has, to date, remained well.

Prior to this report, Rhode Island was the only state of the 48 states of the U.S. mainland that had never reported a rabid bat.

(Reported by Joseph E. Cannon, M.D., Director of Health, Rhode Island Department of Health.)

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